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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: FRIEDA JUNEMANN

1. MR. GEORGE CALLAGHAN HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT
HIS AUNT MRS. FRIEDA JUNEMANN OF LENINSTRASSE 13,
DINGELSTADT, HAS BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO VISIT HER
SISTER, MRS. REGINA CALLAGHAN.

2. MRS. CALLAGHAN'S HUSBAND DIED RECENTLY AND
MRS. CALLAGHAN IS IN POOR HEALTH AND VERY MUCH HOPES
THAT HER SISTER COULD VISIT HER IN THE US. THE
CALLAGHANS SENT A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATION OF MRS. CALLAGHAN'S
ILLNESS TO MRS. JUNBMANN FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GDR
AUTHORITIES AT HER PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE NOTORIZED
DOCUMENT WAS IN GERMAN. ACCORDING TO THE CALLAGHAN
FAMILY, MRS. JUNEMANN WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO VISIT
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THE US BECAUSE MRS. CALLAGHAN'S ILLNESS A "NORMAL"
REACTION TO THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND AND THAT SHE WOULD
GET OVER IT. THEREFORE, THE OFFICIAL TOLD MRS. JUNEMANN
THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR HER VISIT TO THE US.

3. AFTER LEARNING OF MRS. JUNEMANN'S REFUSAL,
MR. CALLAGHAN TELEPHONED THE CONSUL AT THE GDR EMBASSY

TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN GETTING PERMISSION FOR MRS. JUNEMANN TO VISIT HER FAMILY. ACCORDING TO MR. CALLAGHAN, THE EMBASSY OFFICIAL WITH WHOM HE SPOKE WAS TOTALLY UNSYMPATHETIC AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE CASE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE HAVE ASKED MR. CALLAGHAN TO INFORM MRS. JUNEMANN THAT SHE SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS HER CASE. WE BELIEVE THIS CASE CALLS INTO QUESTION THE GDR'S COMMITMENT TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF CSCE AND EMBASSY REQUESTED TO RAISE MRS. JUNEMANN'S CASE WITH MFA.
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